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Final fundraising effort for Aruba's original protestant church to take place this Sunday

ORANJESTAD -- The members of the Rescati Kerki 1846, which was founded to raise the monies needed to completely renovate Aruba landmark protestant church, announced they will end their two months of concentrated fundraising this coming Sunday, April 27, with a massive street fair in the Plaza Daniel Leo in Oranjestad.

The town square, located directly behind the Renaissance Resort & Mall, will host a wealth of activities providing a fun day for all the family. There will be food booths of regional cuisine, "Save the Church" tee shirts for sale, activities for young and old, and some of Aruba's finest dancers and singers performing throughout the day.

The festive day will begin at 10:00AM. Fea-

tured bands include Jose David and his Union Band, Roy Sneek and his orchestra, Perfect Sound, Jersey Isenia, Sodo y Cuero, Robert and his Solo Banda Show and the evening will feature dancing to popular band Tsunami. Singers donating their time for the worthy cause include Joshua Maduro, Jersey Sophia, Rachel Kraivanger, Tattoo Quandt, Mighty Cliffy, Mighty Whitney, Cecelito Lopes and Jessy Colina. Various dance groups will also entertain throughout the day until 7:40PM.

The fundraising committee consists of Pastor Ernst Stutterheim, President, Nicol Baptista, Treasurer, Dito Eman, Fundraising, Cees Sluiter, liaison to the Director of the Aruba Monument Bureau Yvonne Webb-Kock, Yvonne Krom-

hout and Henna Snijder, principal fundraising event organizers.

The original protestant church is a quaint structure and important landmark building, erected in 1846. It stands in the shadow of the larger, more modern building located at the head of the Wilhelminastraat in Oranjestad. The charming building was constructed of the typical materials of the time, which included coral rock and limestone, cemented with the adobe particular to the island.

Presently in a deplorable state, it is the goal of the congregation and pastor to renovate and convert it into a chapel available to all, whether adhering to a particular faith or not. It will be a place to enjoy quiet, personal reflection. The natural charm and simplicity of the architecture lends itself perfectly to this purpose. The ultimate goal is to provide a convenient respite of spiritual contemplation and re-



freshment in the mornings, before most start their hectic work day.

The funds required for restoring the old church to its original glory is projected to be one million Aruban florins (\$557,000.) The Protestant Church has already donated 100,000 Aruban florins.

Committee members emphasized that the church should be considered an important tourist attraction as well as a place for all to come and feel uplifted. The Minister of Tourism and Culture has promised to provide a plaque displayed for visitors in several languages with a full history of the church, further

underlining its landmark value.

All the community and island visitors are welcome to this Sunday's event and urged to attend, have fun, and help a worthy cause. Organizers expressed the hope that everyone will join in this project of rescuing one of the island's more important landmarks.

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LOCAL NEWS

Committee for Handicraft National Signet presents plans and projects to Minister Oduber

ORANJESTAD -- Last Wednesday, Minister of Culture Otmar Oduber received a presentation by the Committee for the Handicraft National Signet. The committee operates under the authority of the Department of Culture (DCA). The purpose is to officially certify handicrafts by local artisans as authentically produced locally and earning the seal of the Aruba National Signet Department.

Preparations for a national seal of authenticity began in 2010 with investigations and documentation; a com-

mittee was formed consisting various important stakeholders. DCA, under the guidance of Vicky Arens, is in charge of the project. DCA is well prepared and encouraging island artisans to participate in the project.

During the presentation, Ms. Arens explained the importance for the recognition of our locally produced products and the creative process worldwide; more and more visitors are asking for locally produced art and handicrafts. She also presented a petition for a center to promote, stimulate and

exalt local artisans. A number of plans were presented and discussed with Minister Oduber on different projects and possibilities to increase the production of local art several locations on the island, always taking into account the paramount importance they are authentically produced locally. The possibilities to export the local work was also discussed.

Presently Minister Oduber's attention is focused greatly on San Nicolas; he wants to convert the town into an equally attractive touristic destination as Oranjestad, with emphasis on the people and distinctive culture native to that area of the island. During the meeting, several suggestions and ideas were exchanged on how to develop this part of the island.

Minister Oduber expressed his satisfaction with the meeting/presentation and support for the committee's plans and projects.

Government to decide within 2 weeks if Department of Air Traffic Security will be LLC or foundation

ORANJESTAD -- On Tuesday, April 22, the steering committee for the privatization of the Department of Air Traffic Security met to decide if the department, when it officially becomes independent, will become a foundation or a limited liability company (LLC) within the government.

The steering committee is comprised of a president (Minister of Transport Otmar Oduber); a secretary (personnel of the Human Resources Department) and 4 members (representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Legal Department, employees and representatives of the workers' union, STA.)

The first meeting was presided over by Minister Oduber; they discussed the starting points, including the status of all employ-

ees. An important issue, particularly to the workers union, is whether all employees will be part of the new organization and not be demoted.

Primary on the agenda are the two alternatives for the legal structure when the organization becomes independent, either a non-profit foundation or privatized government LLC. The legal department will soon submit an advisory with the pros and cons of each option. After that, the steering committee will take a definite decision on the new legal structure.

One important point that came forward during last Tuesday's meeting was for the steering committee to submit to Minister Oduber an approach plan. Their goal is to finish the privatization process by November 1, 2014.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts declared #1 hotel on Aruba



EAGLE BEACH — With a score of 9.1 out of 10, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts has been declared the number 1 hotel on Aruba by the users of Dutch consumer website Zoover.nl. This popular website is a Dutch counterpart to sites like TripAdvisor.com. Users write their reviews and rate the hotels where they stay on criteria like location, service, value for money, food and the quality of the rooms. For all but one of these, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts scored at least 8.3 out of 10, with an over-

all appreciative score of 9.1, higher than all other four participating resorts on the island. Zoover-users describe the hotel in their reviews as a 'wonderful hotel with really friendly staff, on the most beautiful location in Aruba, Eagle Beach'.

This is the third time that Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts wins this award. Through the years, Aruba's only boutique resort that caters exclusively to adults has consistently been recognized by travelers worldwide.

VVD: STOP support for Aruba

THE HAGUE -- The VVD wants to stop the Dutch support for Aruba. The country is in financial difficulties and, according to critics, virtually bankrupt.

Dutch support for this part of the Kingdom does not consist of money directly, but from assistance loans on the capital market. According to the VVD Aruba refuses to give insight of its budget. Member of Parliament André Bosman thinks the Netherlands should not help Aruba as long as it is not clear exactly how the country's financial



André Bosman

situation is.

Curacao and Sint Maarten

"I must say that the budget and the national debt of Aruba are financially very bad. It is not acceptable that the Netherlands will sign on

a loan for Aruba without even the slightest insight into what is going on."

Also with Curacao and Sint Maarten is the financially very bad. According to the VVD those countries may only be helped if they have their fiscal house in order. "The finances of Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten are all worrisome. Aruba's deficit continues to rise, because the budget is not conclusive, Curacao will have a budget around, but there remain huge questions."



Renaissance Aruba Resort receives an EarthCheck Silver certificate

ORANJESTAD -- Coinciding with World Earth Day, April 22, the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino was very pleased and proud to learn the facility had earned an EarthCheck Silver Certificate for their environmental preservation practices, and continually striving to set an example for "green" policies and sustainability.

EarthCheck epitomizes a new generation in evaluative benchmarking standards, certification and improvement of systems within the international tourism industry. At the same time, they offer certification for establishments making

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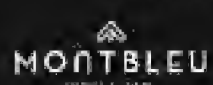
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LOCAL NEWS

Aruba says 'Masha danki,' bestows honorings on loyal visitors



Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority honored some loyal guests a Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba between 10 and 20 consecutive years. The honorees are Mr. Ron and Betty Ann Cooper, and Kyle Cooper, residents of Ottawa, Ontario Canada. The certificate was presented to them by Darline de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority in presence of Mrs. Hilda Mills of the Divi Village. The reasons they gave for returning here are the fantastic sunset, beautiful blue ocean, our friendly people and diverse restaurants.

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Dutch Navy Ship enroute to Curacao for drug operation

CURACAO - The naval vessel Zr. Ms. Groningen departs Monday to the Caribbean to support the drug operations and coast guard duties there. According to the Dutch Defense Department, the Groningen will arrive in Curacao on May 19.

The ship sails will first sail to Lisbon and Cape Verde. There the crew will practice among others the boarding of suspicious vessels.

Cape Verde, which lies off the coast of Senegal, is located in a strategic position because it is the shortest crossing point from Africa to South America. It is also a major drug smuggling route.

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Meet Bully: The puppy that lived



ORANJESTAD -- The Cas Animal Foundation of Aruba is dedicated to rescuing abandoned and abused dogs off island streets, ideally to be placed in a good home. No matter how badly injured or weakened by disease, Cas Animal founder, Kirsten Arndt, has discovered hundreds of times over that with proper medical care, they can be rehabilitated to be a wonderful friend to a loving person. Often, their afflictions are only superficial, but rendering them unattractive, which is no reason, in Kirsten's opinion, to deprive them of a happy life and the chance to be a loyal, loving companion. Kirsten also maintains an animal ambulance, and can be contacted to report a dog in distress at any time.

A driving goal, at present, is to build Aruba's first no-kill animal shelter, but the primary purpose of the foundation, aside from providing a home for the unwanted, is to place the rescued dogs in loving homes. For the last six months Cas Animal has been experiencing exceptional success along this line. Soon, it will seek a home for a tenacious little guy who has struggled to survive and been temporarily named "Bully."

Everyone who the foundation interacts with daily has gotten to know this tiny little tough guy, as Kirsten is required to keep him with her at all times to keep up his feeding schedule. He was one of four puppies born to a bad mother, who was ingrained in the practice of killing her newborn pups

and eating them. As horrible as it sounds, it is not the natural maternal practice of canines, and lack of proper care during her pregnancy probably left her starving and contributed greatly to this terrible situation. Some theories speculate it is also because the mother had a litter too young as well, and this was the dog's third such litter. She had done the same with her first two litters. Obviously, this is a dog that should be spayed immediately.

Fortunately, concerned neighbors heard the puppies cries of distress and removed them from the mother before she could decimate the entire litter. Four day-old puppies were rescued and Cas Animal was called. Unfortunately, being taken away from the natural immunity gained from drinking their mother's milk leaves the puppies very vulnerable to any disease that is fatal to dogs. Despite constant care, three of the puppies did not make it, but now, weeks later, Bully is tenaciously holding on and thriving. His eyes have fully opened, he is very lively and active, and thinks of human beings as his natural mother, so will make a wonderful pet when old enough. Prior to placing him in a home, the foundation would see he at least has his first and most important vaccinations, and how he fares once they are done. Anyone interested in accepting him into their home when he is ready to start switching over to proper food, can contact the foundation at 742-8732.

LOCAL NEWS

Easter 2014 showed an increase in General Aviation movements

ORANJESTAD: Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) together with the other authorities at the airport prepared ahead of time for the expected high traffic during this Easter season and can now look back on a successful Easter season 2014: While less charter flights from Venezuela were expected than the previous year, primarily due to the bankruptcy of Dutch Antilles Express Airlines and fewer flights from Tiarara Air, the amount of commercial flights indeed showed a decrease compared to 2013: From 1175 aircraft movements in 2013 to 901 movements in 2014.

AAA was also focusing on the General Aviation (GA) flights, as expansion works have been completed and in the past years the demand for the GA facility showed a substantial increase. Besides this, AAA together with the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) prepared and introduced new procedures for processing of GA flights. This year GA aircraft were requested ahead of time to limit their parking at the airport, but were allowed to drop off, or pick up passengers and had to return to their destination. This Easter season the amount of GA movements has increased compared to last year: From 846 aircraft movements in 2013 to 904 in 2014.

"The investments made at the south side ensured that the apron only had to be closed off for 2 hours on Sunday April 13, 2014 during the busy season, compared to previous years where we had to close off for longer periods of time," said AAA's CEO Peter Steinmetz. AAA would like to thank all the organizations who were involved in making this year another successful operation for our airport.

Venezuela PDVSA expands Caribbean storage, rents NuStar tanks

CARACAS - Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), which urgently needs space in the Caribbean to store its oil, has emerged as the renter of tanks owned by NuStar Energy (NS.N) on the island of Saint Eustatius, where the Venezuelan state-run company will blend crudes, it was reported yesterday.

NuStar, a San Antonio, Texas-based

pipeline and terminals company, said last month it signed a long-term agreement to lease parts of its facility on the Caribbean island to a national oil company, but did not disclose the name of its client.

After selling terminals to raise cash, PDVSA now must rent space in the Caribbean to store its oil, produce a wider port-

folio of blends, and handle trading as it imports more fuels. It also needs the facilities to load large tankers to be sent to Asia, which has become its main market.

On April 16, the crude tanker Nord Snow Queen arrived at Saint Eustatius, coming from the 310,000 bpd Cardon refinery in Venezuela, according to MarineTraffic.com.

According to leasing terms renewed this year, PDVSA is paying around \$0.30 per barrel for some 4 million barrels of storage capacity in Aruba, at a refinery owned by U.S. refining company Valero Energy (VLO.N).

Aruba's 235,000 barrel per day (bpd) refinery was shut down in 2012, but since then Valero has earned money by renting out

its tanks. PDVSA is paying with crude, which is received by Valero at Venezuelan ports, the sources added.

PDVSA is also using its own facilities in the neighboring islands of Curacao, Bonaire, Cuba and Dominica, and it is renting a portion of a 12.5-million barrel terminal in Bahamas that it sold in 2007.



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WORLD NEWS

Pope in hot water over 'personal' phone calls

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis's habit of picking up the phone and cold calling people who write to him is landing the Vatican in hot water and spokesman Federico Lombardi has had enough.

Lombardi said on Thursday the calls were part of the pope's "personal pastoral relationships" and "do not in any way form a part of the pope's public activities".

The spokesman said media reports about the phone calls have been "a source of misunderstanding and confusion".

The statement follows reports about a phone call that Francis apparently made to a woman in Argentina who had complained her parish priest would not grant her Holy Communion because she had divorced and remarried.

Francis was quoted by the woman's husband as saying that the issue was being "looked at" in the Vatican and that divorcees who take Holy Communion "are doing nothing bad".

Catholic rules currently ban divorcees from taking Holy Communion, the spiritual high point of the mass, although the doctrine is in practice widely flouted by parishes.

The pope has previously been reported making calls from the practical to the intense, including calling his newsagent in Buenos Aires to cancel a subscription and comforting a mother grieving over her murdered daughter.

The Vatican rarely makes official comment on reports of the calls, which often rely solely on the person in question saying that they have been called by the pope -- who has been dubbed "the cold call pope" by the tabloids.

FBI informant linked to hacking of foreign websites: report

WASHINGTON (AFP)

- A hacker who became an informant for the FBI directed hundreds of cyber attacks against the websites of foreign governments, including Brazil, Iran, Pakistan, Syria and Turkey, the New York Times reported Thursday.

It was unclear whether the FBI explicitly ordered the digital attacks, but court documents and interviews suggest "that the government may have used hackers to gather intelligence overseas," the Times wrote.

The figure at the center of the case is Hector Xavier Monsegur, who had become a prominent hacker with the activist group Anonymous, which has staged cyber assaults on MasterCard, PayPal and other commercial and government targets.

Monsegur was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and became an informant, helping the

law enforcement agency identify other members of Anonymous.

Monsegur instructed a fellow hacker, Jeremy Hammond, to extract data from a long list of foreign government websites. And then that information -- which included bank records and login details -- was uploaded to a server "monitored" by the FBI, the Times reported, citing court papers.

The vast target list for hacking added up to more than 2,000 Internet domains, including the Polish Embassy in Britain and the electricity ministry in Iraq, according to an uncensored court document cited by the Times.

A court sentencing statement said that Monsegur directed other hackers to pull data from Syrian government sites, including banks and various ministries, according to the Times.

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MADRID (AFP) - AFP photographer Pedro Armestre, recently recovered from a goring by a fighting bull, on Thursday won his eighth photography prize so far in 2014, a haul earned for images ranging from thrill-seekers at the Pamplona bull-run to raging wildfires. An emblematic shot for AFP of spectators leaning over their balconies as daredevils packed the streets in the San Fermin bull-run in Pamplona on July 7 last year earned Armestre three awards: the Nikon Spain Press award in January; the King of Spain international photography prize in March; and the Ortega y Gasset photography prize this month. Armestre, a 42-year-old Madrid-based freelance photographer, also took first prize in Portugal's Estacao Imagem awards this month for a series of shots of summer wildfires in Spain for AFP. On Thursday, he scooped the inaugural Juan Guerrero photography prize for freedom of expression, awarded by the Avuelapluma cultural organisation in honour of his career.

WORLD NEWS

Release of abducted girls on agenda of Nigeria security meeting

ABUJA (AFP) - The safe release of scores of school girls abducted by militants last week topped the agenda of a meeting Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan held Thursday with political and military chiefs, a governor said.

"The meeting clearly agreed that the issue of the moment is Chibok and the abduction of these children of ours and that we must do everything to ensure that these abducted children are retrieved and protected," said Kayode Fayemi, who attended the meeting.

The mass abduction early last week of the girls from their school in Chibok, Borno state, was blamed on Boko Haram Islamist militants. It has been described as one of the most shocking attacks in the group's five-year extremist insurgency which has claimed thousands of lives.

Borno's government said 129 students were taken from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok when gunmen stormed the town under the cover of darkness on April 14.

The school's principal, Asabe Kwambura, who later said she was working with parents to compile a complete registry of those taken put the figure of girls abducted at 230.

More than 20 state governors as well as military and security chiefs attended Thursday's meeting, which lasted several hours in the Nigerian capital.

The meeting "discussed the overall security of the country whether it is the operation in the northeast, cattle rustling, kidnapping and other criminal activities that warrant security attention", Defence Minister Mohammed Gusau said.

It agreed on the need to mount massive secu-

rity awareness and invest in the "deployment of advanced security technology and prevention of proliferation of small arms and light weapons", two governors at the meeting said.

No further details on the decisions taken were provided.

Some of the girls who escaped said the Islamists took the hostages to Borno's Sambisa Forest area, where Boko Haram is known to have well-fortified camps.

Parents have trekked through the

bushlands of the remote region in a desperate search for their daughters, pooling money to buy fuel for motorcycles and cars.

Some turned back after being warned that the Islamists were nearby and prepared to slaughter anyone who advanced further.

The kidnapping came hours after the deadliest attack ever in Nigeria's capital, a bomb blast at a crowded bus station that killed at least 75 people.

Boko Haram's leader Abubakar Shekau claimed responsibility for that attack.

Policeman guns down three US citizens at Kabul hospital

KABUL (AFP) - An Afghan policeman opened fire at a Kabul hospital run by a US charity on Thursday, killing three Americans including a doctor, in the latest deadly attack targeting foreign civilians in the city. The gunman shot himself in the incident outside the CURE International hospital and was detained by police after being treated inside, officials said, adding that the motive for the killing was not clear. That killing came on the eve of presidential elections to choose a successor to Hamid Karzai as US-led combat troops withdraw from Afghanistan after 13 years of fighting Taliban insurgents.



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HEALTH & LIVING

E-cigarettes to be regulated under new US plan



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators proposed new restrictions Thursday on the soaring \$2 billion market in e-cigarettes, which until now have been free from federal oversight.

The changes would also apply to other, previously unregulated tobacco products, including cigars, hookahs, nicotine gels, and pipe tobacco, and are aimed in large part at keeping these substances away from young people.

The proposal by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) would bring these products under many of the same rules that already apply to traditional cigarettes.

Sellers would be required to enforce a minimum age restriction on those who wish to buy the products, including requiring identification.

Companies would be barred from handing out free samples, and would be required to include health warning labels and to seek FDA approval before marketing a new product.

They would have to register with the FDA and

provide details about their ingredients.

And they would be prevented from advertising a lower health risk, compared to traditional cigarettes, unless the FDA confirms scientific evidence backing up the claim.

"Tobacco-related disease and death is one of the most critical public health challenges before the FDA," said Mitch Zeller, director of that agency's Center for Tobacco Products.

But the rules do not restrict advertising of e-cigarettes, nor do they ban the special flavors, such as Cherry Crush or Chocolate Treat, that some say are designed to appeal to children.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that deliver vaporized nicotine into an aerosol inhaled by the user.

Their use by young people has been booming: a December study by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 10 percent of high school students had used e-cigarettes.

WHO hits back at anti-vaccine deniers



GENEVA (AFP) - The World Health Organization hit back on Wednesday against vaccine deniers who claim that immunisation is pointless, risky and that the body is better off fighting disease unaided.

Opposition to routine vaccination of children against contagious diseases such as measles and

whooping cough has been on the rise in recent years, notably in the United States and Britain.

A hardline minority disputes the necessity of vaccination

outright, while doubters focus on fears such as the alleged links between measles vaccines and autism, rejected by the overwhelming majority of scientists.

The total or near-complete disappearance of many killer or crippling diseases in rich nations has bred complacency, ac-

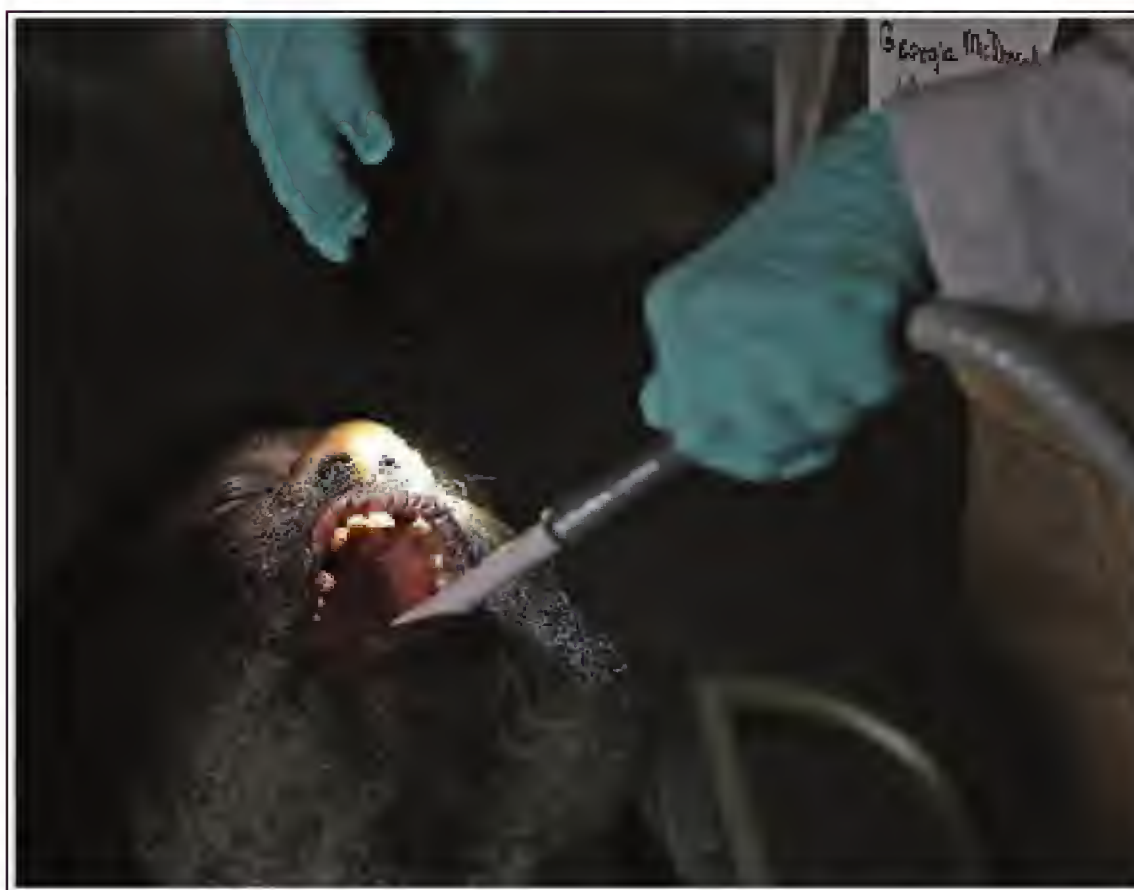
cording to the WHO.

Just because a disease seems long gone, there is no reason to rein in vaccination against it, according to the WHO.

Rolling back vaccination in some countries also undermines the global fight against disease, the WHO warned.

Developing countries have seen resistance in some areas to vaccination, for example in northern Nigeria and Pakistan where polio immunisation campaigns have been dubbed a foreign conspiracy by local opponents.

And war also takes its toll, with polio rearing its head in Syria, previously free of the disease thanks to widespread immunisation.



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A patient undergoes a dental procedure during the Bridges to Health medical and dental clinic on April 23, 2014 in San Francisco, California. Hundreds of people lined up for the first of four free medical and dental clinics hosted by the Bridges to Health in San Francisco and Oakland. More than 500 healthcare professionals and volunteers will perform no-cost services that include root canals, fillings, women's health services and STD/HIV screening.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar winner Nyong'o named People's most beautiful

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oscar-winning Kenyan actress Lupita Nyong'o was named Most Beautiful person of 2014 by People magazine Wednesday, following in the footsteps of stars such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts and Tom Cruise. The 31-year-old,

who won best supporting actress for her role in "12 Years a Slave," said she only felt beautiful when she left Kenya aged 16, and learned the importance of looks from her mother.

"She taught me that your presentation is an expression of how much you care about yourself and those around you," she told the magazine, a Hollywood celebrity bible. "My mother always said I was beautiful. When I went to Mexico at 16, that was the first time I felt beautiful."



Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at The Queen's

Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Lusie's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations.

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese."



Keshi Yena or Filled Cheese

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeen-saruba.com/>.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining. telf. 5860606.

'Hobbit' filmmaker changes name of trilogy finale

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The final installment of the blockbuster "Hobbit" film trilogy has been given a new name, director Peter Jackson announced on Thursday. The movie was to have been released this year under the title, "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," but has been re-named "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," the New Zealand filmmaker said on his Facebook page. It is due for release in America on December 17, bringing to a climax the story started in 2012's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" and last year's "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug." "Our journey to make The Hobbit Trilogy has been in some ways like Bilbo's own, with hidden paths revealing their secrets to us as we've gone along," the Oscar-winning director said. "'There and Back Again' felt like the right name for the second of a two film telling of the quest to reclaim Erebor, when Bilbo's arrival there, and departure, were both contained within the second film. "But with three movies, it suddenly felt misplaced -- after all, Bilbo has already arrived 'there' in the 'Desolation of Smaug.'" Jackson said he broached the issue with studio giant Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer last year. "We decided to keep an open mind until a cut of the film was ready to look at," he said. "We reached that point last week, and after viewing the movie, we all agreed there is now one title that feels completely appropriate. And so: 'The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies' it is." "There and Back Again" was the subtitle of the classic epic fantasy book by J.R.R. Tolkien, published in 1937. It was followed in the mid 1950s by the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, which Jackson also made into a blockbuster franchise, before the "Hobbit" films. Jackson came under fire from some quarters in 2012, when the first film "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" was released, for breaking the relatively short book into a trilogy. The director won three Oscars -- best picture, best director and best adapted screenplay -- for the 2003 film "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the final part of that trilogy.

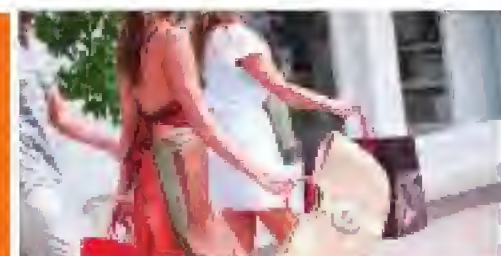
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Morocco wind farm, Africa's biggest, starts generating power

TARFAYA (AFP) - Africa's largest wind farm, at Tarfaya in southwestern Morocco, has started generating electricity and will be capable of meeting the electricity needs of several hundred thousand people, officials say.

Installed on 10,000 hectares (24,700 acres) along the wind-blown southern Atlantic coast, the 80-metre (260 feet) high turbines, 131 in all, will be fully operational in October and produce up to 300 megawatts of electricity.

The North African kingdom has no hydrocarbon reserves of its own and hopes to cover 42 percent of its energy needs with renewable sources by 2020. It has launched a plan to produce 4,000 MW from wind and solar power.

Last year, Morocco officially launched the construction of a 160-megawatt solar power plant near the desert city of Ouarzazate, which is slated for completion next year.

Work started in Tarfaya at the beginning of 2013, and 88 of the 131 turbines have now been erected, according to Mohammed Sebti. Moroccan firm Nareva Holding is carrying out the project in partnership with France's GDF Suez.

Forty-four turbines have been connected to the grid, with the first kilowatts delivered earlier this month, Sebti told an AFP journalist at the site.

Production will continue to rise, with its "full commissioning to be completed in October as planned," he added.

Costing around 500 million euros (\$690 million), the wind farm will be the continent's biggest, surpassing Ethiopia's Ashegoda project, with its 84 turbines and 120-megawatt capacity.



It will save 900,000 tonnes of CO2 a year, according to GDF.

The southwest is the focus of Morocco's wind plans, with the smaller Akhfennir plant, around 100 kilometres to the east of Tarfaya, already producing 100 MW from 60 turbines.

The Tarfaya region lies on the edge of Western Sahara, a disputed territory larger than the United Kingdom, most of which is under Moroccan control, but with the Algeria-based Polisario Front campaigning for independence since 1973.

A 50 MW wind farm already exists at Fom el Oued, near Western Sahara's main city of Laayoune, and other projects are planned, according to Morocco's Economic, Social and Environmental Council.

But attracting foreign firms to participate in the kingdom's wind plans for the territory will be harder than in Morocco itself.

Diabetes research: good news for caffeine addicts?

PARIS (AFP) - People who boosted their coffee intake by "moderate to large" doses in a US-based study had a lower risk for adult-onset diabetes than those with stable consumption, researchers said Friday.

An analysis of studies that tracked the diet and lifestyles of more than 120,000 health sector workers, showed that those who increased their daily caffeine dose by about 1.5 cups a day over a four-year period had an 11-percent lower chance in the subsequent four years of developing type 2 diabetes, the team found.

This was in comparison to those whose intake remained constant.



women enrolled in two nurses' health studies in the United States, and nearly 28,000 male participants in a separate health professionals' study.

It measured their consumption patterns for four years, and then looked at subsequent diagnoses of type 2 diabetes.

The outcome may reflect a "true change in risk", but may also be explained by people cutting out coffee after being diagnosed with conditions like high blood pressure or elevated cholesterol associated with risk for type 2 diabetes, said the study authors -- one of whom had received funding from coffee-vending company Nestec for a different study.

Experts who analysed the new research for the Science Media Centre, said the team had merely evaluated potential short-term benefits and provided no evidence that long-term coffee intake lowered diabetes risk.

"Furthermore, those who had moderate to large decreases in intake (about two cups a day) had an 18 percent higher risk," a research team in Diabetologia, the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes.

Those with the highest coffee consumption, three cups or more per day, had the lowest risk of type 2 diabetes -- 37 percent lower than those who consumed a cup or less per day, said the paper, backing other studies that linked coffee to lower diabetes risk.

The findings were based on monitoring more than 95,000

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ECONOMY

Wage talks fail to end S.Africa's platinum mining strike

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - A new round of talks on a new wage offer between the world's top platinum producers and union leaders yesterday failed to end a crippling 13-week strike, the companies said.

"Unfortunately, no resolution has yet been achieved in resolving the three-month strike relating to wages and benefits," Anglo American Platinum (Amplats), Impala Platinum (Implats) and Lonmin said in a statement.

In a bid to break one of the longest strikes in South Africa's recent history, the world's three biggest platinum firms made an offer last week that will increase

the remuneration package of radical union AMCU's members to 12,500 rand (850 euros/\$1,200) a month by 2017.

While urging the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU) to "recommend" the offer to its members, the producers said they would now communicate "directly" with their employees with the details of the offer.

"We strongly urge the AMCU leadership to take this fair settlement offer to their members and to let them decide," the CEOs of the three firms said in a joint statement.

"The producers have a

duty to provide the details of the settlement offer to our employees and will do so forthwith," they added.

Over 80,000 AMCU members downed tools on January 23 for 12,500 rand in basic pay a month, a demand that became the rallying cry with which the union won prominence on the platinum belt during violent labour unrest in 2012.

Entry-level workers currently earn around 5,000 rand basic pay a month.

The firms' latest offer will increase their total pay and benefits by 7.5 to 10 percent annually over the next three years.



MIAMI, FL - APRIL 24: Bottles of different flavors of electronic cigarette liquid is seen at the Vapor Shark store on April 24, 2014 in Miami, Florida. Brandon Leidel, CEO, Director of Operations Vapor Shark, said he welcomes the announcement by the Food and Drug Administration that they are proposing the first federal regulations on electronic cigarettes, which would ban sales of the popular devices to anyone under 18 and require makers to gain FDA approval for their products.

Yesterday's Crossword Answer

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Recall costs slam brakes on GM profit

WASHINGTON (AFP) - General Motors yesterday reported slumping first-quarter profits, dragged down by hefty recall charges that eclipsed a strong core operating performance.

The largest US auto-maker's first-quarter net income sank 85 percent from a year ago to \$125 million as the company took a \$1.3 billion charge for the recall of seven million vehicles worldwide.

The Detroit, Michigan-based company also took a \$300 million charge for restructuring costs, mostly in Europe, and incurred costs related to the exchange rate it uses for Venezuela's currency.

Earnings per share were six cents, down from 58 cents a year ago but beating Wall Street estimates of four cents. Revenue rose 1.3 percent to \$37.4 billion, missing expectations of \$38.43 billion.



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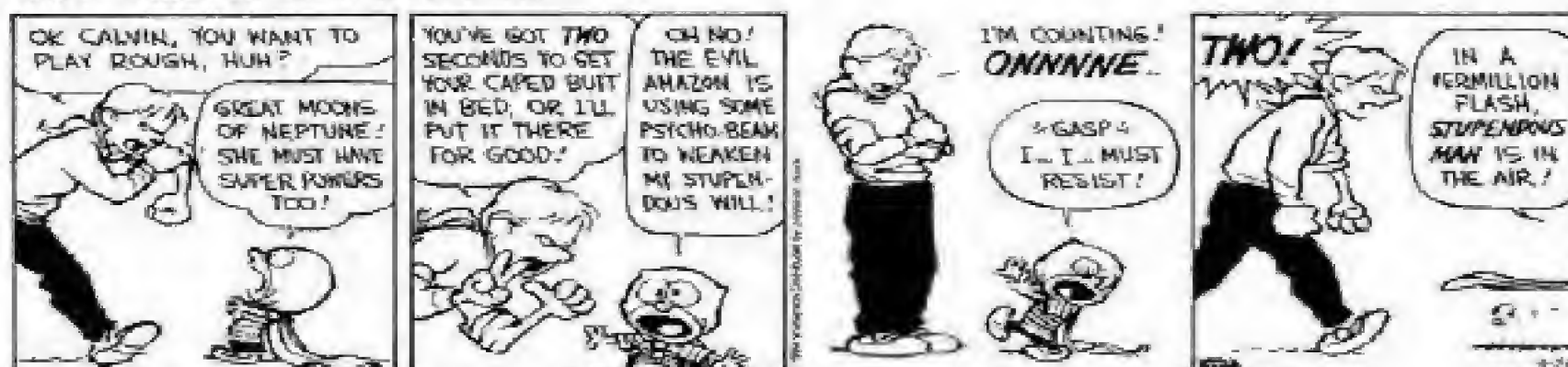
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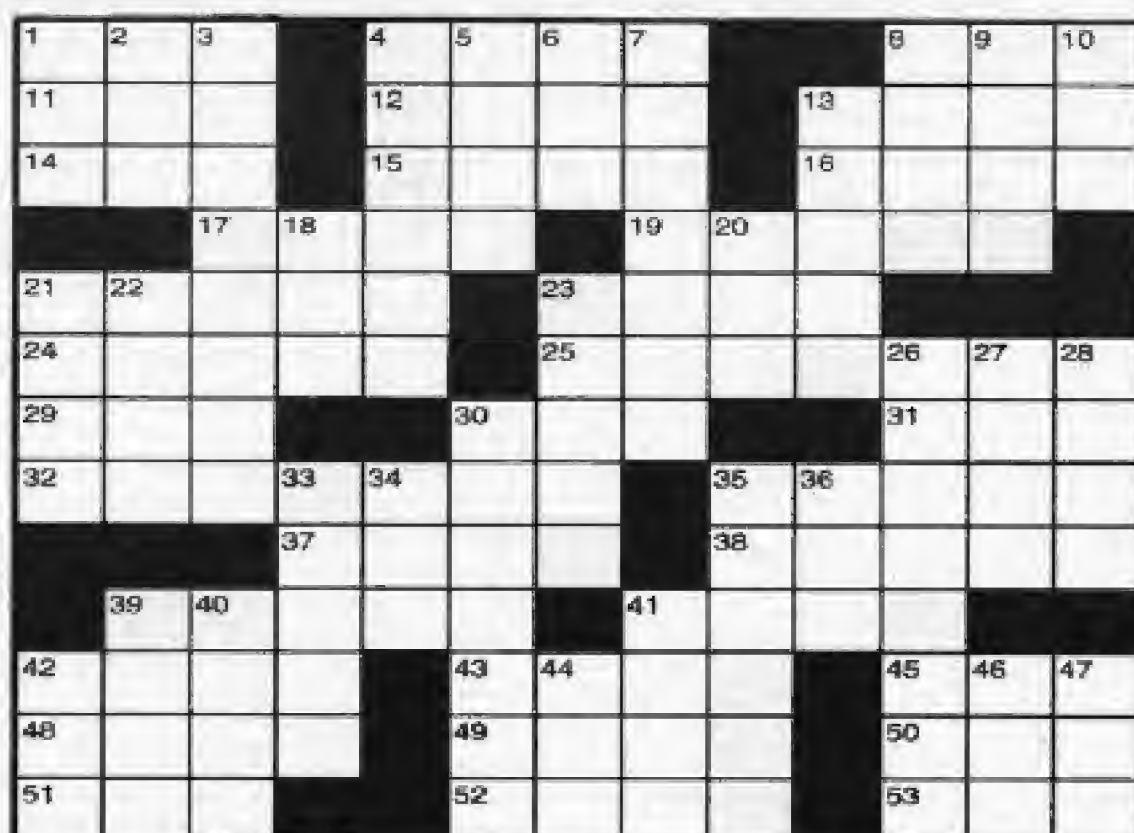
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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Sea-___ (Seattle airport)
4. Dress
8. ___-la-la
11. GI's address (abbr.)
12. Eternally
13. Stain
14. R-V connection
15. Boy (Sp.)
16. Actor Brad
17. Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
19. Walk ___ in my shoes (2 wds.)
21. Suri's mommy
23. Fragrance
24. Actor Baldwin et al.

25. Hanukkah illuminator
29. Campers' vehicles (abbr.)
30. Needing blusher
31. Individual
32. Airport wait
35. Punster's reward
37. Holbrook and Linden
38. Catalogues
39. Will
41. Liquid measure
42. Dread
43. Dutch ___
45. "___ Loser" (2 wds.)
48. Unadorned
49. Do a laundry job

50. Pierre's refusal
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52. Pet's pest
53. Understand

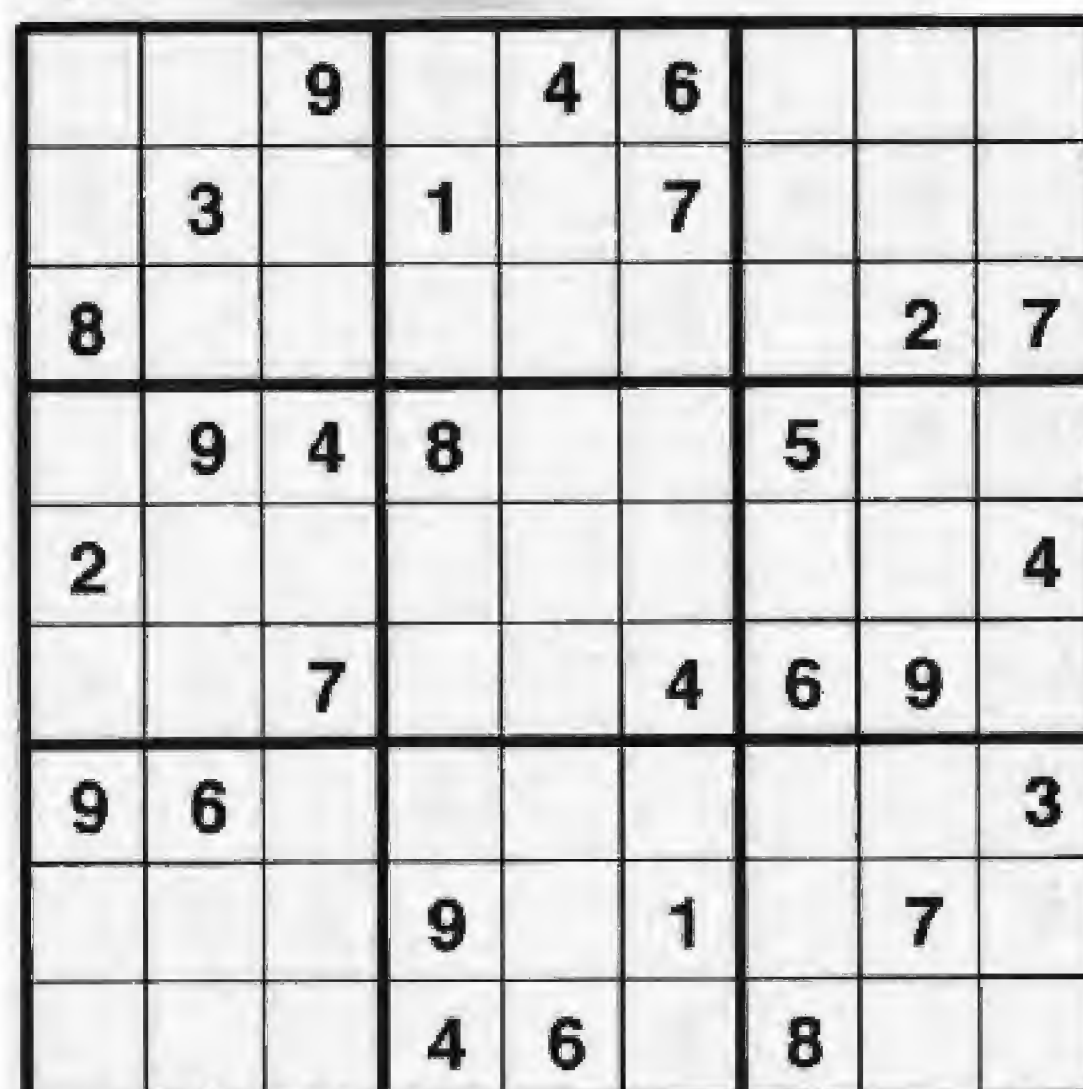
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1. Professors' aides (abbr.)
2. Fitting
3. Politeness
4. Aladdin's helper and others
5. Hertz's competitor
6. "___ and Stimpy"
7. Enlarge
8. Drudgery
9. Communion, e.g.
10. Model Carol
13. Politician Agnew

EASY CROSSWORD 61

18. Pen-making name
20. Sun. follower
21. Marx or Malden
22. Edison's middle name
23. Bradley and Sharif
26. Sitting on a perch
27. Med. sch. course
28. Barnyard cacklers
30. Prosperous (hyph.)
33. Chicago airport
34. Kilmer of "The Doors"
35. The Good Witch of Oz
36. "___ Tin Tin"
39. Brown meat
40. "Listen!"
41. Brazilian soccer legend
42. "Without a Trace" org.
44. Part of an encyclopedia set (abbr.)
46. Curly's cohort
47. Social insect

Sudoku



SOLUTION

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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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WRITE-UPS

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers--the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2 eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$7.99! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon.



All you can eat Pancakes with fresh Strawberries

Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the

Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way--with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish Sunday-Thursday; and until 3am on Friday & Saturdays.

Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."



Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aru-

ba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area, also house a restaurant and mini-market.

There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and

public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



SPORTS

Baseball: Yankees starter Pineda tossed for using pine tar



BOSTON (AFP) - The New York Yankees may have lost more than just a regular season game as they might have to make do without pitcher Michael Pineda after he was ejected Wednesday for using pine tar. Pineda was suspended for 10 games Thursday after being caught using pine tar. He said he won't appeal the penalty that will cost him two starts. With two outs and Grady Sizemore batting in the bottom of the second, Farrell complained to home plate umpire Gerry Davis about a substance on Pineda. Davis touched a brownish substance on the right side of the pitcher's neck and immediately ejected him from the Major League Baseball contest.

Football: Madrid 'athletes' too much for Bayern, admits Guardiola

MADRID (AFP) - Bayern Munich boss Pep Guardiola said his side had struggled to contain Real Madrid's pace on the counter-attack as Los Blancos secured a 1-0 advantage from the first leg of their Champions League semi-final on Wednesday.

Karim Benzema scored the only goal of the game on 19 minutes from one of a series of Madrid counter-attacks in the first-half that caught the European champions wanting at the back.

"Madrid have athletes. They are footballers, but they are real athletes," said the former Barcelona boss after suffering his first defeat in eight games as a coach at the Santiago Bernabeu.

"It is easy to say we need to play more vertically, but the quicker we move the ball forward, the quicker it comes back and that can be very dangerous for us."

Bayern enjoyed 63 percent of the possession, but failed to create many clear-cut opportunities as Madrid defended in numbers.

And Guardiola expects more of the same when his side try to turn the tie around on home soil at the Allianz Arena on Tuesday.

"I think the next game will be exactly the same. We need to control their counter-attacks, but it is a question of finding the right balance."

"Madrid are a complete team and it is true that not scoring away from home makes the tie very difficult."

"However, we will be at home, with our fans behind us, and we will give every-

thing to reach the final."

Real boss Carlo Ancelotti admitted he didn't like having to relinquish control of the ball for large spells to the Germans.

However, just as in Madrid's Copa del Rey victory over Barcelona last week, the Italian believed his side had played to their strengths.

"I don't like to give up the ball. It is clear that you cannot control the ball for the whole game, but especially against Barca and Bayern it is very difficult to control it."

"Football, though, is not just about possession, but defending, counter-attacks and many other things. What we had tonight was the sacrifice of the players, but I don't like not having the ball because you have less chance to score."

Ancelotti had recalled World Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo to his starting line-up after four games out through injury.

The Portuguese was involved in the build up to the goal and had another glaring opportunity to make it 2-0 when he blasted over soon after before being replaced by Gareth Bale with 20 minutes remaining.

Ancelotti admitted Ronaldo's withdrawal had been a pre-meditated measure to ensure he didn't run the risk of aggravating the injury, but expects both he and Bale -- who had been suffering from flu before the game -- to be 100 percent fit for the return leg.

Cuban baseball legend Conrado Marrero dies just short of 103rd birthday



HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban baseball legend Conrado Marrero, who played in the US big leagues in the 1950s and was the oldest living MLB veteran, died Wednesday in Havana just two days shy of his 103rd birthday. No cause of death was listed. But at 102, the US major league has said he was its oldest living ex-player. Marrero, who hailed from the central province of Villa Clara, played with the now-defunct Washington Senators from 1950-1954, after getting his (late) start in the Cuban league. He became the oldest ex- (US) MLB player after the February 2011 death of Anthony M. Linowski, who played with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Marrero was often seen as a brilliant pitcher who defied the odds to get there; he started late -- at 27 (in 1938) -- and at 1.66 m and 75 kilos (5'5" and 165 lbs) physically was on the short and lean side to rank with the most powerful hurlers.

Ex-NBA star McGrady switches to baseball



SUGAR LAND (AFP) - Tracy McGrady, a seven-time NBA All-Star guard, has signed a deal to become a right-handed pitcher with minor-league baseball's Sugar Land Skeeters, the Texas-based team announced Wednesday. McGrady, 34, spent 16 seasons in the NBA, his longest stint coming with the Houston Rockets from 2004 to 2009 when he was a teammate of Chinese star center Yao Ming. Now McGrady is back in suburban Houston, playing in the Atlantic League, an eight-team independent circuit whose other clubs are located in the northeastern United States. McGrady played baseball as a child but moved to a school that did not offer baseball and put his focus upon basketball, building a career from 1997 to 2012 that saw him make stops with the Rockets, Toronto, Orlando, New York and Detroit. The two-time NBA scoring champion put his focus upon baseball after retiring from the NBA last year and trained to become a right-handed pitcher. The Skeeters opened the season yesterday with a home game against the Lancaster Barnstormers.

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Aruba swim team performs strongly during first day of CARIFTA 2014



Butterfly, where he set a new CARIFTA record. His performance so far during this week's meet allowed him to qualify for the Youth Olympics in Nanjing, China.

Taking third place and a bronze medal during the same Medley event was Aruban Mikel Schreuders. Young Keelay Maduro did very well in the female division, shaving no less than two seconds off her previous performances and earning a silver medal in the 100M Butterfly.



In the 11-12 year age category, Elisabeth Timmers and Brandon Cheung earned medals; Elisabeth a bronze in the 100M Butterfly and Brandon a silver in the 200M breaststroke. Rebecca Maduro also demonstrated her great determination to win, especially during the last lap of the same race, to capture second place and the silver medal.

In the long-distance freestyle heats, Florence Kock and Daniela van den Berg claimed bronze in their 800M events, while Patrick Groters earned a bronze medal in the 1500M freestyle for ages 13-14 years. Patrick also won a bronze in the 50M backstroke.



Aruba did very well in the medley races, particularly in the female divisions. Florence Kock performed exceptionally well during her final heat in the 13-14 year division, contributing to the gold medal she shared with teammates Keelay Maduro, Anahi Schreuders, Junice Wernet for the 400M freestyle. Together they set a new CARIFTA record with a full 2 seconds less

SAVANETA- Aruban athletes performed powerfully during the first day of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) Aquatic Championships, which Aruba is hosting through today, April 25. Nineteen Caribbean nations are present for this important annual swimming tournament.

During the very first heats on the Tuesday evening, after the official opening, Aruban swimmers earned thirteen medals; three gold, three silver and seven bronze, affirming that Aruba has one of the strongest teams in the Caribbean.

Their supporters are particularly proud in how well the team from this tiny island performed against much larger, powerhouse competitors such as Barbados, Bahamas, Guadelope, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.

Aruban swimmer Jordy Groters garnered particular attention for his definitive victories in the Medley, where he won gold, and 200M

than the previous one.

In the 15-17 year age bracket, the van den Berg sisters, Daniela and Andrea made a particularly strong showing in the medley race teamed with Ginayla Arends and Rebecca Maduro. Together, they claimed first place and Aruba's third gold medal for the night for the 400M Freestyle. The team of Elisabeth Timmer, Gwennady Kock, Dytaysha Laurence and Zoe Thode won bronze in the 11-12 year category of 400M freestyle.

At the end of the first day of CARIFTA 2014 Aruba's swimmers hold fourth place overall. The first three are Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas and Barbados. In point standings, Aruba is only 0.05 points behind Trinidad and Tobago for third place, with a total of 124 points. Bahamas is in first place with 149 points, but anything could happen as the pre-finals and finals take place over the next few days.

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